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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Many of you have already made legislative recommendations to the Executive Office under established procedures, or have participated in preliminary legislative discussions with White House staff. These are now under careful study.

As I did last year, however, I am asking each of you personally to consider legislation which I should submit to the first session of the 90th Congress and other proposals which I should make to the Nation in the State of the Union Address.

I would like you to suggest specific draft material relating to your area of responsibility which might suitably be included in the State of the Union Message. The material should come to my Special Assistant, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., by December 5. The Bureau of the Budget should receive brief descriptions of any legislative proposals in support of State of the Union material which you submit by the same date, if such proposals have not already been submitted through usual channels. It is essential that legislative proposals be submitted to the Congress early in the session. Draft legislation must be submitted for the usual review and coordination at a sufficiently early date to make this possible.

This request reflects my desire to develop, with your help, imaginative programs which will maintain our security, continue prosperity, and improve the quality of life for all. In addition, we must continue to search for new ways to increase governmental efficiency, to eliminate waste, and to modernize governmental machinery.

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Mr. Joseph A. Califano, Jr./
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Joe:

This is in reply to the memorandum of 3 November 1966 regarding material for inclusion in the President's State of the Union Message.

The Central Intelligence Agency has no proposals which might suitably be included in the State of the Union Message.

The legislation programmed for the first session of the 90th Congress relates to updating of authorities set forth in basic Agency legislation. Similar legislation was passed by the House in the second session of the 89th Congress but failed to pass the Senate prior to adjournment. This legislation will be resubmitted to the Bureau of the Budget for approval prior to forwarding it to the 90th Congress.

Sincerely,

Ist many your

Richard Helms
Director

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